

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Moore and Sanborn

Appl. No. *To Be Assigned*

(Divisional of Appl. No. 09/631,638,
filed August 2, 2000)

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For: **Process for the Recovery of Organic
Acids**

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (A) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks. 37 C.F.R. § 1.115;
and
- (B) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of

this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Specification:

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6, with the following paragraph:

This application is a Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/631,638, filed August 2, 2000, which claims priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/147,031, filed August 3, 1999, each of which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-31.

Remarks

The specification has been amended merely to update the continuing data, and claims 1-31 have been canceled. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 32-45 are pending in the application, with claim 32 being the independent claim. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Specification:

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Claims 1-31 were canceled.